

Iron County Register

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IRONTON, : : : MISSOURI

After all, the best way to avoid heat prostrations is to keep cool.

Eminent actresses still insist on losing their diamonds.

Airships and wireless messages are crowding the atmosphere.

Summer began working at the job industriously as soon as it arrived.

Summer-resort mosquitoes have not heard of the war on them.

Some of the flies may have romantic natures, but never mind that.

It appears from official reports that there is also a made-in-Germany deficit.

Be thankful that radium at present prices is not one of the necessities of life.

Those who cannot swim should avoid wading in water more than ten feet deep.

Fish cakes exploded in a New York store and wrecked the place. They were probably made from the torpedo fish.

The best statesmanship these days is exerted not toward getting nations out of debt, but toward getting them deeper in.

Every man cannot join the uplift by riding the world of African lions, but he can assist at spreading traps for the feet of the nefarious housefly.

Whatever romance there may be in international marriages is removed when the bride's father must settle the groom's debts.

It is announced that the Greek drama is about to become a fad with American theater-goers. It is just an excuse to get women to wear that style of clothes again.

The yellow peril is a literal and menacing fact wherever Sunday schools and well-meaning but world-ignorant reform movements subject girls to the sinister association of Chinamen.

A Russian grand duke has sent an order for the American invention of silver forks for corn on the cob and again does the genius of the western hemisphere triumph over the non-sourcefulness of effete Europe.

A man was arrested in New York for kissing his wife in their own home while the shades at the window were up. This is but a step removed from arresting a man for kissing his wife on Sunday, which will probably follow as a blue law not to be overlooked.

Princeton university rejoices in a student who has discovered the first comet seen this year. That young man probably is destined to prominence in the astronomical world. He may not have hitched his wagon to a star, but towed by a comet he may get there just the same.

Friends at Washington of Commander Peary, the Arctic explorer, believe that he has reached the North Pole and the goal of his ambition and has placed the American flag there. This, if verified, will be a crowning triumph for American pluck and perseverance. Incidentally the announcement will also save trouble for a number of other gentlemen headed in the same direction or contemplating a trip to the pole.

A Chicago magistrate has decided that it is no crime for one person to tread on another person's foot, but that neither is it a crime for the down-trodden person to retaliate by smiting the foot-crusher in the eye or on the jaw. If Solomon could revisit the earth and hear some of the judicial decisions of modern life, he would acknowledge the folly of trying to keep the record for freak decisions for an instant.

The mosquito is made almost a bird of prey by the dispatch from Cape Town which states that an overflow of the Orange river due to a heavy rainfall, has bred so many mosquitoes in the Gordonia northern district that three-quarters of the population are affected with malaria, which has been fatal in many cases. In some parts of the world the house screen is a sanitary necessity, both day and night, but the housefly is the chief danger in non-malarious countries.

Chicago's plan for the construction of an auditorium capable of accommodating 45,000 people is interesting. But the architects will have a task in planning a building in which so many can find seating or standing room within ear-shot of speakers. A vast hall in which only a portion of an assemblage can get within hearing distance of the speakers' platform would be disappointing and therefore less desirable than a smaller hall in which all can participate in the "doings."

It has long been remarked that an island off Chicago that could be used for pleasure purposes would be better than the richest of gold mines for its owner, but there is no such projection from the bottom of the lake, and Chicago has had to be content with parks along the shore. But now it is suggested that an island be constructed on a reef which exists in the shallow lake off the city, for a public park. This is visionary, and if an island were made with dredgings and dumpings it would lack beauty because of its docked shores.

French naval officers have succeeded in conveying at a distance of 100 miles with wireless telephony. This is an achievement that transcends the feats of wireless telegraphy over many times that distance, because in naval service ability to talk back and forth during the progress of a fleet will be invaluable. But the usefulness of the wireless telephone will probably be restricted to the sea, because there are too many interferences on land through electrical developments of all kinds.

FLIES OVER CHANNEL

LOUIS BLERIOT, FRENCH AVIATOR, MAKES 21 MILE TRIP IN 23 MINUTES.

WINS \$5,000 NEWSPAPER PRIZE

Start is Made Near Calais, France, and Lands Successfully on Cliffs Near Dover, England—Tugs and Pleasure Craft Follow.

Dover, Eng.—Louis Blériot landed on the chalk cliffs below Dover Sunday morning, after having made the first passage of the English channel in a heavier-than-air flying machine.

He accomplished the remarkable feat in 23 minutes. The distance he covered is about 21 miles, and therefore he traveled at the rate of about 55 miles an hour.

The start was made from his quarters near Calais at 5 p. m., the weather being very calm and clear and considered perfect for the feat.

A French torpedo boat and a small fleet of tug boats and pleasure craft followed the monoplane from the French shores. The recent attempt of Hubert Latham had gathered many boats to the squadron of watchers.

The booming of a gun announced that a start was about to be made, and all eyes, lying with bated breath, stared up for the chase.

Three Aviators on the Alert. Three aviators were waiting to fly the channel, Latham, De Lambert and Blériot. Books had been made, and many bets laid, of which would be the first to make the trip. At the signal, no one afloat knew which airship was about to essay the journey for the \$5,000 prize.

Over the edge of the land came the immense dragon fly of Blériot, sailing swift and true, straight for England. Blériot's control of his mount seemed complete, his engine never missed, and the fast boats below held roaring furnaces to keep the pace.

The cliffs at Dover accommodated many watchers, despite the early hour. First was seen the smoke from the tugs and yachts, speeding like sharks following a flying fish. Then the fine line in the sky widened and became the outstretched wings of the monoplane.

Cheers in English and French rose from sea and land as the machine ended its wonderful flight by rising higher into the air to clear the cliff and then sank to English soil.

RANGER'S LOG UNEARTHED

Narrates Sailing Orders of Vessel in John Paul Jones' Hand-writing.

Laconia, N. H.—The original log of Paul Jones' ship, the Ranger, has been found among the effects of Erasmus P. Jewell by the executors of the will. The relic is valued at about \$5,000, although it was picked up by Mr. Jewell at a book store on Corn Hill, Boston, for 50 cents.

The beginning of the "log" appears to be in the handwriting of Capt. Jones. The first entry is as follows: "The first part of the 24 hours fair and pleasant. At 4 p. m. fresh breezes and cloudy. At 8 p. m. fresh breezes and a Dutchman, and unfurled the new flag to show our colors."

No dates are given with the early entries. At the end of each page appear the words: "Occurrences, bearing and distance at noon."

In some places the words, "Log of the Ranger" appears, and in others this is changed to "The United States Continental Ship Ranger."

Former Illinois Editor Shot. Tulsa, Oklahoma.—Mark Bassett, editor of the Tulsa Daily News, was found lying in a local printing office, shot through the head. Opinion is divided as to how he was shot, but the police say it was an attempted murder. He was discovered by his little son and later removed to a hospital, where he is in a critical condition. Mr. Bassett was formerly a publisher at Mattoon and Kankakee, Ill., and manager of the Yabes press bureau in last year's Illinois republican primary campaign.

Limits Wife to 25 Cents. Chicago, Ill.—For the 17 years of their married life, John Ford has never given his wife more than 25 cents at a time. She worked every day and did not complain until Friday, when he gave her a plugged quarter. Then she had him arrested for non-support.

Ford admitted the charge, and said he gave her the bad coin because he thought she could pass it easier than he could. He was sent to the Bridewell, being unable to pay his \$25 fine.

Roosevelt is in Nairobi. Nairobi, British East Africa.—Col. Roosevelt and Kermit arrived here from Nalvaasha. The remainder of the party remained at Nalvaasha, where the naturalists and taxidermists are busy with the spoils of the excursion.

Options Lift Lid. Neosho, Mo.—Charged with selling rum in their drug store, violating the local option law, they were instrumental in having passed here at the last election, W. C. and Garland Price, brothers, are under arrest.

British Cruiser Aground. Harwich, Eng.—The British protected cruiser Blenheim grounded on a sand bank while entering the harbor. The position of the warship is not serious, and it is expected she will be floated at the next tide.

Enraged Boy Kills His Father. Somerset, Ky.—James Starns, county surveyor, one of the best known citizens in the county, was shot to death by his 16-year-old son. Starns was correcting his son, when he became enraged.

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THE BREAD LINE.



The greatest crop of cereals ever raised in the United States is growing to maturity, according to indications in the July report of the Department of Agriculture. A gain of 722,000,000 bushels in all grains over the totals of 1908 is promised and the record yield of 1906 will be exceeded. The value of the 1909 crop to the farmer is estimated at \$2,750,000,000.—News Item.

TRAIN MEETS AUTO IN CUT; TWO DEAD

BOYS IN REAR SEAT OF MACHINE ARE GROUND BENEATH LOCOMOTIVE.

TWO MEN ARE BADLY INJURED

Chauffeur and Father of One of the Victims Jump Before Crash—Collision Occurred in Deep Cut.

Hammond, Ind.—As the result of a collision between a railroad train and an automobile at Munster, Ind., two boys are dead, one of whom was cut to pieces, and two men are seriously injured.

The dead are: Richard Flagg, 15, Hillside, Mich., and Harris Eberhart, 17, Mishawaka.

The injured are: E. G. Eberhart, 47, Mishawaka, Ind., and Arthur Carlson, 26, chauffeur, Mishawaka, Ind.

The accident occurred in a deep cut on the railroad. Eberhart, who is a wealthy Mishawaka manufacturer, had been in Lake Forest, Ill., with his son and the Flagg boy, and started back to Mishawaka in his automobile early in the day.

At Munster, six miles south of Hammond, the road crosses the railroad track in a deep cut. The automobile was running at high speed toward the cut, when Eberhart saw a train approaching.

The machine was only 30 feet from the crossing. Eberhart and the chauffeur, who were in the front seat, jumped and were saved. The two boys were seated in the rear seat of the car, over which was a heavy leather sun cover. This prevented them from getting out quickly. Before they could jump, the train struck the car and young Flagg was ground to death under the wheels. The Eberhart boy was terribly mangled. He was brought to St. Margaret's hospital, where he died at 10 o'clock.

The condition of the elder Eberhart is said to be critical.

Lid Off at Hot Springs. Hot Springs, Ark.—About sixty gamblers arrived here from St. Louis, Chicago and New Orleans, Rev. W. T. Amis, pastor of the Baptist church, and more than 100 churchgoers and members of the Reform League have petitioned Gov. Donaghy to send troops to Hot Springs to suppress gambling.

Former Slave Dies at 110. Kokomo, Ind.—"Aunt Milly" Martindale, a former slave, of the reputed age of 110 years, died at the county farm. "Aunt Milly" was a famous cook, and was twice sold upon the block.

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CONFESSES TO KILLING 4

South Dakota Farm Hand Says He Slew Family to Rob House—Details Crime.

Aberdeen, S. D.—Emil Victor, arrested on suspicion of having murdered John Christie, his wife and daughter and Michael Roynane, a farm hand, has made a confession admitting the crimes and giving the details.

The bodies were found on the Christie farm July 3. Each had a least one bullet hole in the head or back.

Victor says the motive for the crime was robbery. He first came upon Christie while he was milking a cow. He struck the man over the head with a club, killing him instantly.

"At that moment the Roynane boy appeared," declared Victor, "and I shot him down. The shooting attracted Mrs. Christie," said Victor, "and I saw that I had to make a clean sweep of it. Mrs. Christie was standing on the porch of the house when I came up and shot her also. She died without a struggle."

"Then I went into the house and found Mildred Christie, the girl. She fled into a bedroom, but I followed her, after loading my revolver and shot her through the head."

SHERIFF FOILS ANGRY MOB

Four Officers With Drawn Revolvers Saved Life of Negro Charged With Assault.

Atlanta, Ga.—The bravery of Sheriff McKinney and three deputies who, with drawn revolvers, faced a mob of one thousand angry men at Vinings, Ga., saved the life of Will Webb, a negro, charged with criminal assault. Webb had just been identified by Mrs. Exile Brown as the negro who assaulted her. He had not yet left Mrs. Brown's residence after the identification when the mob surrounded the house. Out came the revolvers of the four officers and with a rush they charged through the mob and leaped into a big automobile, which they had in waiting. Leveling their revolvers upon the mob leaders, they drove out of danger and rushed the negro to Atlanta where he was placed in the Tower prison for safekeeping.

650-Foot Fall Kills Two. Scranton, Pa.—While making repairs to a sheave wheel at the top of a breaker, Charles Lewis, a blacksmith, and his helper, John Hall, were hurled 650 feet to death in Storrs' No. 3 shaft. The bodies were terribly mutilated. Lewis leaves a wife and six children. Hall is also survived by a family.

Shot During Initiation. Muskogee, Okla.—While being initiated into the Order of Owls here, W. L. Tull, president of the Muskogee baseball club, was shot in the hip with a blank cartridge. He was taken to the city hospital and it was feared blood poisoning might set in.

Ask Strikers Be Restrained. Indianapolis, Ind.—A bill for an injunction against the striking employees of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company at Elwood, Ind., was filed in the federal court here.

Actress Stabbed by Sister. Cleveland, O.—Miss Elizabeth Warren, a well known actress and head of a local school of elocution and acting, was probably fatally stabbed by her sister, Mrs. Mary Sutton, who was temporarily demented.

Find Grave for Spanish Pretender. Varese, Lombardy.—Emperor Francis Joseph telegraphed his permission for the burial in the St. Just church of Trieste of the body of Don Carlos, or Bourbon, the pretender to the Spanish throne.

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CHINESE DEALING IN FEMALE SLAVES

TWO ALMOND-EYED MAIDENS TELL NEW YORK COURT OF BEING SOLD.

WANT U. S. TO INVESTIGATE

Elderly Celestial Merchants Report Their "Children" Missing, and When Found, Girls Say They Are Being Held As Servants.

New York City.—Two round-cheeked little Chinese maids, their almond eyes very wide, their bangs brushed flat across their foreheads, their black braids, laced with scarlet silk, hanging down their backs, stood demurely before Justice Wyatt in children's court and swore to a story which left little sympathy in those who heard, for the two elderly celestial merchants who reported their "children" missing to the police on last Wednesday night. For both little girls swore that they had been held against their will as household slaves, harshly treated, and forced to work long hours. They were accompanied by an agent of the children's society, who had found them on the day following their disappearance from Chinatown, at an east side parish house. The two made sworn statements, which were read in court. One said:

Say She Was Mistreated. "My name is Moy Yum Toy. By Chinese reckoning I am fifteen, by American fourteen. My father died when I was very young, and my mother married again and left me alone with my grand mother, who was very, very poor, and I was sold to the wife of Moy See Chai, and she brought me over here to America about two years ago. I have had to work very hard in the house, making buttons and button loops from early morning until late at night. When I take a rest I get scolded and beaten."

Chin Ping Toy's narrative was similar. She was sold in China for \$100, she said, brought to this country and sold again for \$500 gold.

"Some morning," her statement reads, "I had to get up at 7 o'clock, and some times work until two o'clock in the morning."

Don't Want to Go Back. "I would rather die than go back to Mott street."

Neither she nor her companion will have to. Pending full investigation of their tale they will be held by the Children's society. Their story has aroused talk of another rigid investigation in Chinatown, which has hardly settled down after the chaos and probing which followed the murder of Elsie Sigel.

An officer of the Children's society said that the government would be asked to look into what appears to be actual slave traffic.

STRIKERS' RANKS BROKEN

Twenty-five Employees Apply for Reinstatement at Former Wages at Kenosha Tannery.

Kenosha, Wis.—In strong contrast with the riotous attacks upon the strike-bound tannery of N. R. Allen's Sons' Company Friday was devoted to a series of conferences looking to a peaceful adjustment of the grievances. Night found the breach considerably narrowed, but no actual agreement reached.

A break in the ranks of the strikers occurred late in the afternoon. About 25 men employed in the buffing department applied for reinstatement at the old wage scale and were assured by the company that they would be taken back as soon as a sufficient force was on hand to resume.

New Automobile Record. Grand Rapids, Mich.—Louis Chevrolet, in a fifty-mile automobile race here with Lewis Strang and George Dewitt, broke the world's record for fifty miles on a circular track by making the distance in 51 minutes 22 seconds.

Former Trapped; Dies. New Orleans, La.—Joseph Gowland, prominent lawyer and notary here, drank a bottle of cyanide of potassium in his office, following the discovery that he had forged mortgage notes to the extent of \$25,000. His defalcations may reach \$50,000. He made a full confession to the district attorney. He was a prominent club man, a leader of society and had a beautiful young wife who is prostrated. He had been trading in stocks and bonds.

Iowa Puts Up Bars. Des Moines, Ia.—No advertisements from other states will be accepted by the management of the Iowa state fair in the future. It was shown that thousands of Iowans yearly are lured away from the state to the south and west, thus depriving Iowa of farm hands.

Charles R. Crane Confirmed. Washington, D. C.—The senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of Charles R. Crane to be minister to China.

Renounces Throne for Wife. Lisbon, Portugal.—Prince Miguel of Braganca, eldest son of Duke Michael, the pretender to the Portuguese throne, renounced forever his rights to the throne of Portugal to marry Miss Anita Stewart, daughter of Mrs. James Henry Smith of New York.

Galesburg Church Burned. Galesburg, Ill.—The First Methodist church, the second largest house of worship in this place, was completely destroyed by fire. The loss will amount to about \$25,000.

MISSOURI NEWS

Warrants for Guardsmen.

Kansas City.—That a soldier can experience horrors of peace as well as horrors of war has been impressed on three young members of Light Battery B, James C. Paulin, Marvin Layson and Morris O. Baker. When Capt. Collins posted order No. 51 at the armory requiring every officer and private to assemble and entrain for the state encampment these three young artilleryists denied the right of anyone to order them out of the city. At the telegraphic order of Capt. Collins, R. J. Holmden, an attorney, consulted the county prosecutor's office. In the meantime, Baker, deciding that he had trifled sufficiently with the state's laws, departed hurriedly for Nevada. Holmden had only two warrants sworn out—one for Paulin and one for Layson—charging them with refusing to obey a military order. He departed for Nevada. Attorneys for Marvin Layson telephoned Mr. Holmden assuring him that if the warrants were withdrawn, their client would take the very first train for the encampment. Mr. Holmden consented, so Layson departed for camp.

Charges Against Grain Inspector. Kansas City.—Charges against H. C. Nunn, chief inspector in the Missouri state grain department at Kansas City, are to be heard here by the state board of railroad commissioners July 29. The complaint was filed by J. T. Bradshaw, chief weighmaster in Kansas City, and it relates to troubles growing out of the handling of the wheat crop of 1907.

"The basis of the charge is that Mr. Nunn allowed 124,000 bushels of wheat to be graded a grade higher than it should have been," Mr. Bradshaw said.

Pay for Prison Labor Increased. Jefferson City.—The state board of prison inspectors decided that 60 cents a day for the labor of able-bodied convicts in fireproof shops furnished free by the state, as well as power for all necessary machinery, is not sufficient, and accordingly an order was adopted fixing the future price at 75 cents a day. This is an increase of 15 cents per man per day. The bulk of the contracts will expire December 31, 1909, so the time is not far distant when they must be renewed or the contractors leave the prison.

Hates to Let Cash Go. Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley and State Auditor Gordon have agreed on a system of paying state moneys to educational and eleemosynary institutions. Heretofore state institutions would draw the money appropriated to suit their convenience, but under the new agreement they can draw only one-eighth of their money each quarter. So they must arrange their disbursements to suit this rule.

Trooper Grabs Mail From Crane. Springfield.—When the special train carrying the Sixth regiment of the Missouri National guard, composed of companies from Cape Girardeau, West Plains, Fredericktown, Mountain Grove and six or eight towns south of St. Louis, passed Mumfords, six miles south of here, one of the troopers grabbed a mail bag from a crane.

New G. A. R. Commander Named. Rolla.—On account of his removal to Indiana, Maj. J. H. Thornton, commander of the Ozark battalion, G. A. R., resigned, and Capt. R. D. Barber of St. James has been elected his successor. Capt. Barber has selected J. M. Squires and W. M. Jones, both of St. James, as his adjutant and quartermaster.

Issues Requisition for Woman. Jefferson City.—By request of the authorities of Butler county, Gov. Hadley issued a requisition on the governor of Colorado for the extradition of Mrs. A. W. Gillipie, who is under arrest in Denver. She is wanted at Poplar Bluff to answer to a charge of fraud.

Switch Engines Annoy Hadley. Jefferson City.—Gov. Hadley made a protest to the Missouri Pacific superintendent against the noise and smoke of switch engines in the yards here. He says that the engines make life in the executive mansion almost unbearable.

Frisco Shops in Operation. Springfield.—The Frisco's new \$2,000,000 car and locomotive works here were opened July 6 and now the first rebuilt engine and train of nine coaches are finished. The company has 800 men at work in the shops and expects to rebuild thirty-five locomotives every month.

Several Hurt in Lamar Wreck. Nevada.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 208 was wrecked a few miles south of Lamar and a number of persons were injured. The engine went into a ditch, and four cars were derailed. Among those injured are Mrs. Mary Jackson of Carthage and Mrs. J. F. Gehrington of Denver.

Former Joplin Couple Marry. Joplin.—News of the wedding at Oakland, Cal., of Mrs. Bertie Marie Robinson to Roger Bennett, both formerly of Joplin, was received here.

Burglar Causes \$6,000 Fire. Poplar Bluff.—A burglar is suspected of having set fire to the bakery owned by Thomas A. Renfro and Solomon Kahan's clothing store, both of which burned. The loss is about \$6,000.

Arrest Stranded Actors. Montgomery.—The Metropolitan Comedy company, which opened the new airside in this city, is stranded and some of the actors were arrested at Moberly for leaving the hotel without a receipt for their board bill.

COSTLY PRIZE OFFERED.

W. K. Kellogg of Battle Creek, Mich., Gives a \$1,000 Trophy to Be Competed for by the Farmers.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., July 28.—For the purpose of stimulating the interest of the farmers of the country in the improvement of the grade of corn and in securing a greater yield, W. K. Kellogg of this city has offered a gold and silver trophy to be competed for at the third annual national corn exposition to be held at Omaha, Neb., Dec. 6 to 18 of this year. The trophy will be known as the W. K. Kellogg National Corn Exposition trophy, will cost \$1,000, and will become the personal property of any exhibitor winning it twice. The trophy will be in the shape of a massive vase, and will probably be designed and built by either Gorham or Tiffany.